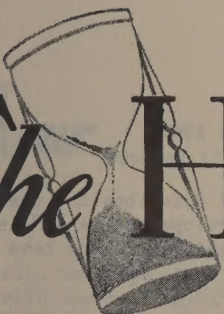


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CAREER OF BORIS BRASOL

In New York City at 230 Riverside Drive there lives a man whose writings are used as source material by the Propaganda Ministry of the Third Reich and whose brutal boast is that certain of his books "have done more harm to the Jews than ten pogroms." His name is Boris Brasol.

For years Brasol has been collaborating with pro-Nazi White Russians, Japanese agents and native Fifth Columnists. Himself a key man in the Russian fascist movement, he has served as a focal point in the United States for international Axis intrigue. His speciality is fomenting race hatred, and his accomplishments in this field have won him world-wide notoriety.

Boris Brasol was born in Poltava, Russia, in 1885. He studied law at the University of St. Petersburg and in 1910 became Prosecuting Attorney for the St. Petersburg Supreme Court. An ardent supporter of the Czar's feudalistic regime, he cooperated closely with the Imperial secret police in opposing democratic trends among the Russian people. In 1916 he came to the United States as the Russian representative to the Inter-Allied Conference in New York City. When the Russian Revolution occurred in 1917, Brasol decided his safest course would be to remain in the United States. Labeling himself an "expert on Russian law," he began practising in New York. Officially, this continues to be his profession.

It is Brasol's unofficial labors, however, that are of interest. One of the earliest of these was distributing in the United States translations of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. This infamous forgery, purporting to reveal a vast Jewish conspiracy to create a world-wide dictatorship, had been used by the Czar's government to provoke anti-Semitic agitation and pogroms. By spreading the wretched canard of the Protocols in America, Brasol sought to rally support for the White Russians and to convince public opinion that the "Red Revolution" was part of the "international Jewish conspiracy." Through Brasol's efforts the Protocols reached Henry Ford, who reprinted them in his Dearborn Independent. Brasol even managed to have a copy of the Protocols placed in the files of the U. S. Secret Service as an explanation of the Russian Revolution.

A prolific author himself, Brasol began writing books filled with anti-Semitic propaganda. The World at the Cross Roads, published in Boston in 1921, typifies the Jew-baiting literature which flowed so easily from his pen. The book contends that the Russian Revolution was

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instigated, financed and led by Jews; and describes the overthrow of the Czar and consequent international developments as a "sinister movement in which the Jews of the world and Mr. Wilson have become partners."

Feeling an intense nostalgia for the days of the Czarist autocracy, Brasol plotted tirelessly with other White Russian emigres against the Soviets. Jew-baiting played a major role in their propaganda work. One of Brasol's fellow conspirators was the notorious pogromist, Major-General Count V. Cherep-Spirodevitch, to whom Brasol wrote in a letter on July 1, 1921:

"Within the last year I have written three books which have done more harm to the Jews than ten pogroms would have done them."

Brasol's Current Activities

When Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany, the Russian fascists throughout the world saw new hope for the overthrow of the Soviets. Der Fuehrer promised to smash the Bolsheviks, and the Russian White Guards took him at his word. Their colonies in Germany and Japan became centers of pro-Nazi intrigue. In Harbin, Japan, the Russian fascists organized an army to be placed at Hitler's disposal.

In the United States Brasol created the Russian-American National Committee, a coalition of anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi and pro-Japanese White Guard groups. The Committee concentrates on building pro-Axis and anti-Soviet sentiment. It has brought into the United States propaganda material issued by Russian fascists in the employ of Japan. One of the most recent of these was a leaflet distributed by Brasol in the tens of thousands, entitled "Declaration of the Russian Emigrant Colony in Shanghai." The Declaration, a vitriolic attack on the Soviet Union, speaks hopefully of "the inevitable collapse" of Russia in the present war and of the "New Order" to follow -- presumably that which Adolf Hitler will establish. Among the groups listed as signers of the Declaration is the Russian Fascist Union.

A typical excerpt from the Shanghai Declaration states: "We evaluate the present German-Soviet war as a means for the liberation of our Motherland from the communist yoke."

(An interesting sidelight is that Brasol arranged for copies of this Declaration to be distributed by the America First Committee, an organization which he held in high regard. He had his own Russian fascist representatives, such as Baron Carl R. Wrangell, in high places in the Committee.)

Brasol's Russian-American National Committee has consistently attacked President Roosevelt for sending aid to Russia. No opportunity has been overlooked by Brasol for creating a breach in the anti-Axis front.

Brasol's Connection With Rossiya

Brasol has cooperated closely with the New York pro-fascist Russian newspaper Rossiya. This publication has maintained intimate contacts with Japanese agents, as well as with the Nazis. The most important of the Japanese agents are two Russian fascists, Constantine Radzaevsky and G. M. Semenoff. Radzaevsky has supplied the paper with regular material from the Far East, where he operates under the direction of Tokyo. Semenoff, another Rossiya correspondent, is regarded as one of Japan's key espionage and propaganda agents in the Far East, from where he sends frequent dispatches to Rossiya.

Brasol Interviewed by The Hour

On January 15 Boris Brasol was interviewed by The Hour at his office in Room 1409, 2 West 46th Street, New York City. Brasol denied he is pro-Nazi but stated that a Russian victory over Hitler's army on the eastern front would be a calamity for the United States. He declared he is not anti-Semitic but added that the Jews are responsible for communism. He said he carried on no dealings with American Fifth Columnists, but was forced by us to admit he had been meeting with George Paganelli, notorious U. S. fascist agent (for Paganelli's record see The Hour for August 2, 1941).

A portion of our conversation with Boris Brasol follows:

Q: Isn't it true, Mr. Brasol, that your committee has cooperated with Russian fascists operating under Japanese supervision?

A: That's an absolute falsehood.

Q: Do you consider the Russian Fascist Union a fascist organization?

A: Of course.

Q: Well, here's a document (showing it to him) which you have been distributing under your organization's name. This document is signed by the Russian Fascist Union and originated from Japanese-controlled territory.

A: (after pause) Well, that's an exceptional case.

The interview ended with Brasol's complaining bitterly of having been attacked by the "gutter press" in the United States. He declared that in Czarist Russia people were never persecuted in such a manner.

Need for Investigation

Boris Brasol moves in high circles in this country. His contacts include prominent businessmen, politicians, professors in leading universities. He boasts of his "Friends in Washington" and is said to have powerful connections in the State Department. At a time when Hitler and his allies are so desperately striving to disrupt the democracies, the perverted talents of such a man are in particular demand by the Axis powers. Today Brasol constitutes more of a menace than ever before to the unity of the American people. The Hour therefore urges that the Department of Justice conduct an immediate investigation of the current activities of Boris Brasol.

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PELLEY BOOSTS JAPAN'S CAUSE

Silver Shirter William Dudley Pelley, whose connections with the Tokyo Propaganda Ministry were revealed in The Hour on December 7, 1940, is currently publishing a new magazine which ridicules the war effort of the United States and Great Britain, and proclaims the inevitability of a Japanese victory. The name of the publication is The Galilean. It is issued weekly by the Fellowship Press, Inc., Box 1477, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The December 29, 1941, issue of The Galilean gloats over the initial reverses that have been suffered by U. S. armed forces in the Pacific. In an article entitled "Nippon Grabs the Lead," Pelley observes;

"... We envision the Mikado remarking to the White House Spokesman; 'So Honorable Hyde-Parker wishes honorable boom-boom eh? Very pleased to accommodate.' And before his envoys had finished their bowing, twelve to fifteen of America's finest ships of the line were kicking their propellers shamefully in the air, the Pearl Harbor flying field looked like an abandoned WPA project in Keokuk, and General MacArthur found himself isolated on an acreage of Philippine shore, wondering how he was going to stave off two million Oriental China-War veterans with forty squirrel rifles and a trunk of White House manuscripts."

Another article "British Lion Gored," contains this typical piece of Axis propaganda;

"Whether the average American cares to accredit it or not, the losses which Britain has taken in the Far East in the past two weeks, may mean the end of the war. With Singapore gone, India must go, too -- for the people of India will not be slow in seizing their opportunities to throw off British rule with the English chased out of the Orient and no British warships to enforce London's decrees."

The attacks on the Roosevelt Administration are particularly venomous. An article, headed "Inglorious Wash-Up of New Dealism," blames the President for having "driven the sons of America's plain people" into this war through "intentionally-bad diplomacy." The war, according to Pelley, will not terminate as the Administration hopes it will -- that is, in a defeat of the Axis powers -- but will achieve the "end of the vexatious Jewish Question." Hitler and his allies will not be held to blame for the suffering caused by the war, says the Silver Shirter, but the Roosevelt Administration and the Jewish people will;

"Somebody should, in all kindness, advise Mr. White House Spokesman exactly how hard-headed Midwesterners regard

the catastrophe that terminates the New Deal dynasty. ... The Japanese, Germans and Italians will be too far away and inaccessible [to be held responsible for the war]. But the Israelites will not be too far away and inaccessible. They will have representatives no farther away than the nearest corner. ... The plain people of America 'who know all about the Jews' by reason of having suffered their eccentricities during nine years of New-Dealism, may well act upon their own instincts in those moments."

As a loyal servant of the Axis and a traitor to the United States, William Dudley Pelley has redoubled his efforts to stir up animosity against the leadership of this country and to promote dissension among the American people.

The Hour asks: how much longer will this Nazi hireling be permitted to circulate his treasonable propaganda?

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HUDSON PRECAUTION

The December 22, 1941, issue of America In Danger, the subversive bulletin published by Charles B. Hudson in Omaha, Nebraska, includes this significant comment: "NOTICE: If any soldier receives A.I.D. bulletin, I did not send it. If any subscriber joins Armed Forces, advise me so I can remove such name from A.I.D. mailing list."

Apparently Hudson is well aware of the seditious character of his publication.

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DESTINY PARTY DISCONTINUES SECRET MEETINGS

The Hour learns that the American Destiny Party, the stormtroop band headed by Fifth Columnist Joseph E. McWilliams, is temporarily discontinuing the secret meetings its membership has been holding since America entered the war. A confidential memorandum issued by the Destiny Party leadership explains that these meetings are being discontinued "because of a progressive falling off in attendance, indicating a lack of interest." We are reliably informed, however, that the leaders of the pro-Nazi group have decided it is too risky to continue holding membership meetings, even in secret. Their future policy will be to carry on their subversive activities as a loosely-knit, underground organization of individuals who periodically receive directives from the inner circle.

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